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Introduction:

This report is being provided to you as part of Rush University's ("University") commitment to safety and security on its campuses and in compliance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act of 1990, as amended by the Violence against Women Act (collectively referred to as the "Clery Act") and the Higher Education Opportunity Act. It provides students and employees of the University with information on:

- the University's security arrangements,
- policies and procedures,
- programs that provide education on such things as drug/alcohol abuse, awareness of various kinds of sex offenses, and the prevention of crime,
- procedures the University will take to notify the campus community in the event of an emergency.

Its purpose is to provide students and employees with information that will assist them in making informed decisions relating to their own safety and the safety of others. All members of the Rush Community are encouraged to read this report and use this information to help foster a safe and secure work and learning environment for all members of the Rush Community.

Policy for Preparing the Annual Report:

This report is prepared by Rush University Medical Center ("RUMC") Security Services in cooperation with local law enforcement authorities and includes information provided by them as well as by the University's Campus Security Authorities (CSAs) and various other elements of the University. Each year an e-mail notification is sent to all enrolled students and employees that provides the website link to access this report. Prospective students and employees are also notified of the report's availability through targeted awareness communications, and the report is posted on the University's website in several areas. Hard copies of the report may also be obtained at no cost by contacting Peter C. Arndt, Executive Director of Security at 312-947-0001 or Peter_C_Arndt@Rush.edu

The University is committed to taking the actions necessary to provide a safe and secure working/learning environment for all students and staff. As a member of the campus community, students, faculty and staff can feel safe and comfortable knowing that security procedures are in place that represent best practices in the field. These procedures are constantly tested and re-evaluated for their effectiveness.

General Safety and Security Policies:

Information Regarding Rush University's Campus Security Personnel

Security Department Description

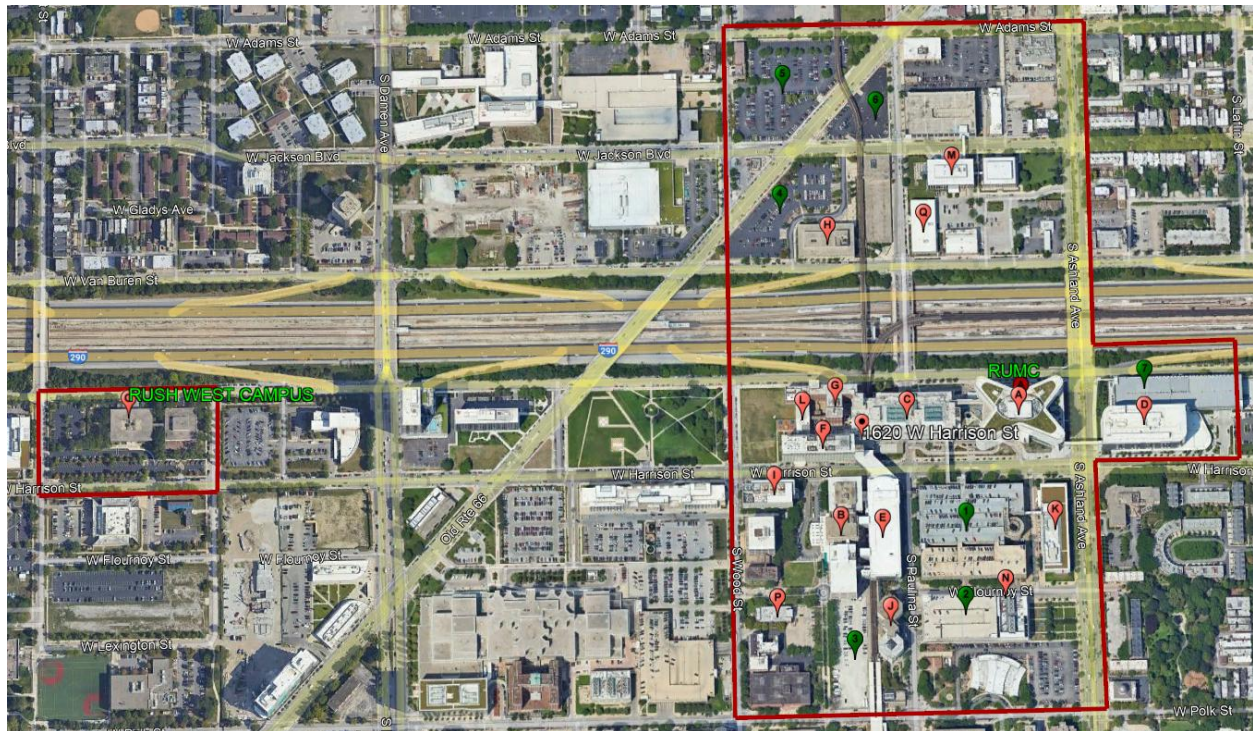
RUMC Security Services Department is an armed, proprietary security organization responsible for the protection of the campus. The department provides basic physical security of the campus through a combination of stationary posts and roving patrol units, which include foot and vehicle patrols. Protection is provided twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year.

Areas Protected

The Main Campus is comprised of approximately seventeen (17) buildings, various parking lots and garages over approximately twelve (12) square blocks within the Illinois Medical District (IMD). This geography also includes various other commercial, public, and private entities.

The West Campus is comprised of one (1) building and an adjacent parking lot covering approximately one (1) square block within the IMD.

All campus buildings, parking lots and garages are patrolled and protected by the Security Department, as are the contiguous university streets. The patrol boundaries, which have been filed with the Chicago Police Department, are as follows:



LEGEND:

RED:

- A. Tower, 1620 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- B. Professional Buildings I-III, 1725 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- C. Atrium, 1650 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- D. Rubschlager Ambulatory Building (RAB), 1520 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- E. Rush University, 600 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL
- F. Jelke Building, 1750 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- G. Kellogg Building, 1650 W. Congress, Chicago, IL
- H. Triangle Office Building, 1700 W. Van Buren, Chicago, IL
- I. Cohn Research Center, 1735 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL

- J. Johnson R. Bowman, 710 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL
- K. Midwest Orthopedics, 1611 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- L. Pavilion, 1753 W. Congress, Chicago, IL
- M. Westgate, 1645 W. Jackson, Chicago, IL
- N. Power Plant, 1635 W. Flournoy, Chicago, IL
- O. Rush West Campus, 2150 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- P. Annex Building, 707 S. Wood, Chicago, IL
- Q. Road Home, 325 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL

GREEN (Parking):

- 1. Main Garage, 1641 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- 2. Staff/Student Garage, 711 S. Paulina, Chicago, IL
- 3. Professional Building Parking Lot, 1725 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL
- 4. Triangle Office Building Parking Lot, 1700 W. Van Buren, Chicago, IL
- 5. Surface Parking Lot 12 – Ogden/Wood
- 6. Surface Parking Lot 13
- 7. RAB Parking, 1520 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL

MAIN CAMPUS:

<u>Rush Main Campus, 1620 W. Harrison</u>	<u>Border</u>
Adams St. (200 South)	North
Ashland Ave. (1600 West)	East
Polk St. (800 South)	South
Wood St. (1800 West)	West

MAIN CAMPUS - Extension:

<u>Rush Main Campus – New Building RAB, 1520 W. Harrison</u>	<u>Border</u>
Congress Pkwy (500 South)	North
Loomis (1400 West)	East
Harrison (600 South)	South
Ashland (1600 West)	West

RUSH WEST CAMPUS:

<u>Rush West Campus, 2150 W. Harrison</u>	<u>Border</u>
Congress Pkwy. (500 South)	North
Hoyne Ave. (2100 West)	East

Harrison St. (600 South)	South
Leavitt St. (2200 West)	West

Rush University students are also actively involved in activities at university owned or controlled facilities at:

- Rush Oak Park Hospital (ROPH), 520 S. Maple, Oak Park, IL 60304
- Rush University Medical Group Clinic at River North, 539 N. Dearborn, Chicago, IL 60654
- Rush University Medical Group Clinic at South Loop, 1411 S. Michigan, Chicago, IL 60605

The University does not have on-campus or non-campus housing.

Personnel

The RUMC Security Services Department is currently authorized 102 full-time Security Officers, 10 Supervisory Officers, 2 Assistant Directors and the Executive Director. In addition, a Technical Security Coordinator, an Administrative Professional, and a Badging Specialist also provide full-time support to the department.

At the heart of security operations are the uniformed Security Officers who are organized into three permanently assigned shifts (days, evenings and night). Each of these shifts is led by supervisors who are also permanently assigned to specific shifts.

Each Security Officer is assigned a department radio and is therefore in constant contact with Central Security Communications (CSC). Each call for service is assigned, by radio, to either a Security Officer or several Security Officers depending upon the seriousness of the call. Security Officers are dispersed throughout the campus and can respond to any campus location within minutes. The average response time during 2025 was under 3 minutes.

Training

Prior to being hired and receiving a departmental issued firearm, prospective officers must successfully complete 40 hours of classroom training by agents authorized by the State of Illinois - Department of Professional Regulation. In addition, they receive an additional 8 hours of firearms training and must receive a qualifying firearms qualification score. Once hired, all new Security Officers must successfully complete a minimum of 120 hours (3 weeks of on-the-job training with a Lead/Training Officer or Supervisor.

All Security Officers are encouraged to take the International Association for Healthcare Security and Safety's (IAHSS) basic security officer training course. All Supervisors are required to take the IAHSS basic and supervisory course. These courses are specifically designed for healthcare security workers.

Security Officers also receive extensive refresher training and in-service training on a continuous basis. Likewise, all armed officers must requalify with their department firearm annually pursuant to State of Illinois regulations by participating in an 8-hour yearly recertification course. Officers also receive training in the use of force, handcuffing, baton, and de-escalation.

Authority

Security Officers must obtain an Illinois State Armed Proprietary Security Officer Certificate prior to being given authority to operate on campus.

Policy on Arrest Powers

Security Officers have detention powers while working at the University. In the case of a crime against persons, it is the victim's decision as to whether they wish to pursue criminal charges against the alleged offender. Crimes that are directed against the University such as trespassing, theft of university property, disorderly conduct, etc., may result in the detention of the offender by Security Officers. When this occurs, the Security Officer will sign the complaint on

behalf of the University. When deciding whether to detain an offender, officers consider all factors to include mitigating circumstances and the impact that criminal behavior had/could have upon the University. In a domestic violence situation, local law enforcement has the authority to pursue criminal charges without the cooperation of the victim. Offenders who have been detained for arrest are turned over to officers of local law enforcement as soon as possible for local prosecution.

Use of Force

It is department policy that in situations that require arrest or physical removal from the University the minimal amount of force necessary to affect the removal be utilized. The use of punitive or excessive force is prohibited and may result in an officer's suspension, termination, or criminal prosecution depending upon the circumstances.

An armed Security Officer may resort to the use of deadly force only when they reasonably believe that such force is necessary to prevent death or great bodily harm to themselves or another. A Security Officer may not use justifiable deadly force if its use imperils innocent people.

Crimes Occurring Outside Patrol Areas

Non-violent crimes that occur immediately outside the department patrol boundaries are referred to local law enforcement. Rush Security Officers who view crimes against persons, distressed persons, etc., will provide basic aid or assistance as required; however, the incident will be referred to the appropriate public service department at the earliest opportunity.

Working Relationship with Local Law Enforcement

RUMC Security Services maintains a strong working relationship with the various local, county, state and federal law enforcement agencies through day-to-day interaction as well as a law enforcement liaison supervisor. A supervisor attends and represents the University at the Illinois Medical District (IMD) Security Group monthly meetings.

Contacting Rush Security

All persons who need security services and are located within the campus should call 2-5678. If they are located off-campus, they call 312-942-5678. Once connected, the security dispatcher will assist the caller. Callers should speak clearly and provide the following information:

1. Nature of incident.
2. Location of the incident.
3. Other information such as descriptions that will be helpful to responding security officers.

During times when a known security emergency exists, it is encouraged that individuals refrain from calling the security dispatcher with inquiries about the incident until the emergency has concluded.

Occasionally, individuals may have a very sensitive security problem which requires confidentiality. When this occurs, individuals are directed to contact the security dispatcher *and* request to speak with a Security Supervisor.

Personnel – ROPH & Off-site Clinics

Unarmed security at Rush Oak Park Hospital (ROPH) is provided by 3-4 unarmed proprietary Security officers per shift 24/7/365 via fixed and roving patrols. Primary police/fire/EMS service is provided by the City of Oak Park (IL) utilizing 911.

Unarmed security at Rush Medical Group (RMG) Clinics at River North and South Loop is provided by 3rd party

contract Allied Universal Security. They maintain a fixed/roving post at the clinics. This is accomplished using one (1) Security Officer with varying scheduled hours; typically beginning one (1) hour prior to clinic opening and continuing until one (1) hour after clinic closing. Primary police / fire / EMS service is provided by the City of Chicago (IL), utilizing 911.

Other Officials to Whom Crimes May Be Reported

The University has designated other officials to serve as Campus Security Authorities (CSAs). Reports of criminal activity can be made to these officials. They will ensure the crimes are reported for collection as part of the University's annual report of crime statistics. The additional campus security authorities to whom the University would prefer that crimes be reported are as follows:

• Catherine Howlett	Title IX Coordinator	312-563-1489
• Julie Hoff	Provost	312-942-5732
• Debbie Martin	Vice-Provost – Student Affairs	312-307-6069
• Gayle B. Ward JD	AVP of University Operations	312-942-2285
• University Affairs	University Administrator on Call (Pager 85-1844)	312-942-6000

Policies on Reporting a Crime or Emergency

The University encourages accurate and prompt reporting of all criminal actions, accidents, injuries, or other emergencies occurring on campus, on other property owned/controlled by the University, or on nearby public property to the appropriate administrator and appropriate police agencies. Such a report is encouraged even when the victim of a crime elects not to make a report or is unable to do so. Such reports should be made as follows:

- Situations that pose imminent danger or while a crime is in progress should be reported to the Security Services Department as described above or by dialing 911 to contact local police. Individual(s) making the call from a cell phone will need to provide the address where the emergency has occurred.
- Students, staff, and visitors can also report criminal actions, accidents, injuries, or other emergency incidents to one of the CSAs identified above. Once reported, the individual making the report will be encouraged to report it to appropriate police agencies. If requested, a member of Security or University staff will assist a student in making the report to the police.
- Anonymous incident reports can also be made by calling the Rush Hotline, 877-RUSH-009 (877-787-4009) or by using the web tool at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com>

The University does not have any officially recognized student organizations with off-campus locations and therefore does not monitor or record criminal conduct occurring at such locations.

Confidential Reporting

The University will protect the confidentiality of victims. Only those with a need-to-know for purposes of investigating the crime, assisting the victim, or disciplining the perpetrator, will know the victim's identity.

Any victim of a crime who does not want to pursue action within the University disciplinary system or the criminal justice system is encouraged to make a confidential report to a CSA. With the victim's permission, a report of the details of the incident can be filed without revealing the victim's identity. Such a confidential report complies with the victim's wishes but helps the University take appropriate steps to ensure the future safety of the victim and others. With such information, the University can keep an accurate record of the number of incidents involving students, determine where a pattern of crime may be developing, and alert the community as to any potential danger. These confidential reports are counted and disclosed in the annual crime statistics related to the University.

The University encourages its pastoral counselors and other professional counselors, when they deem it appropriate, to inform the persons they are counseling to report crimes on a voluntary, confidential basis for inclusion in the annual report of crime statistics.

Timely Warnings

In the event of criminal or other activity occurring either on campus or off campus that in the judgment of the Senior Security Supervisor or Director constitutes a serious or continuing threat to members of the campus community, a campus-wide “timely warning” will be issued. Examples would be a rash of motor vehicle thefts or sexual assaults in the area that merit a warning because they present a continuing threat to the campus community. Rush Security Services Department works with appropriate law enforcement agencies to ensure these agencies inform Rush Security Services Department when they learn of a reported incident that may necessitate a timely warning. The purpose of issuing the timely warning is to give members of the Rush Community information that will allow them to protect themselves and aid in the prevention of similar crimes.

The University is required to issue the timely warning as soon as pertinent information is available. This means that a timely warning may be issued even if all facts surrounding an incident that represents a serious or continuing threat to the campus community are not available.

These types of warnings will be communicated to students and employees via the following method(s):

Method	Sign-Up Instructions
RU-Alert	Update My Rush Profile - Rush ESC
Email	Yes – Rush University Distribution List
Website	https://www.rushu.rush.edu
Overhead Page	N/A

Updates to the warnings will be provided as appropriate.

Anyone with information warranting a timely warning should immediately report the circumstances to:

- Peter C. Arndt, Executive Director of Security, telephone 312-947-0001, email Peter_C_Arndt@Rush.edu

The University has communicated with local law enforcement asking them to notify the University if it receives reports or information warranting a timely warning.

Security of and Access to Campus Facilities

Physical Security

Several physical security measures are employed throughout the campus. The most common physical security devices used are locks and keys. Most offices, storage areas, and doorways are outfitted with locks, which when used, will adequately secure an area and therefore prevent most crime. The primary security responsibility of an office, suite or apartment lies with the occupant. Areas that are not open for business should be secured by the occupant. Keys that are lost or stolen should be reported to the appropriate manager or supervisor so that locks can be changed, and new keys issued. Areas of the academic building and medical center are monitored by security personnel who provide a variety of services, including monitoring entrances and verifying University identification or visitors within the building.

The Security Department also employs several types of mechanical security devices throughout the University. Most perimeter doors and all fire exit doors are supervised by an intrusion alarm monitor. Similarly, several other locations are monitored or controlled by the alarm system.

Several sensitive areas have been equipped with duress, or panic alarms. These alarms are located at cash collection points or areas that are staffed around the clock. Finally, there are several duress stations located in the corridors and labs of the Academic Facility. These red colored pull stations are marked "Emergency Security Assistance".

Except for a few scattered local door alarms (a local alarm is one which sounds at the alarm's location but is not monitored remotely by security), all door alarms and duress alarms are wired into the Security command post's alarm computer. Alarms that are generated are immediately checked by security officers patrolling and the alarm's status is reported. The alarm point is then acknowledged and reset by the Security dispatcher.

Rush has installed yellow Emergency Call stations throughout the campus. The use of these stations results in a direct call to the Security Dispatcher.

All activated alarms are recorded by the alarm system computer and a printout of alarms can be produced. The Security Department routinely audits the alarm points to ensure system reliability.

Students and employees are asked not to test alarm points or use exits that are marked as being alarmed. If a person feels that it is necessary to test an alarm point or if they must enter an alarmed area, they should first contact Security dispatch prior to activating the alarm by calling extension 2-5678.

Several main corridors and entrances are monitored by closed circuit televisions (CCTV) cameras. The cameras in turn are wired to monitors that are either located inside the Security command post or at stationary security posts. The Security Department also uses several surveillance CCTV cameras that are secreted and used for specific investigations.

Identification Cards

It is University policy that all students, faculty/employees and staff wear their issued photo identification badge above the waist while on campus. All visitors must wear a computer generated and dated visitor's pass which contains the visitors name/photograph and destination.

As of January 1, 1998, Illinois state law requires that workers engaged in clinical occupations must wear an identification badge with their name and clinical license inscribed upon the badge when performing patient care. The Security Services department supports this requirement in that all students, employees, visitors and staff conform to the medical center's policies and state law.

Package and Materials Passes

All individuals removing packages, equipment and material must present a pass, authorizing the removal of these items from the University property. Each pass must be written on University stationery and signed by the student's appropriate dean or dean's designee, or the employee's supervisor, as applicable. Each pass must describe the property taken and the reason why the property must be removed. All property passes are retained by the RUMC Security Services Department.

Security Considerations in the Maintenance of Facilities

Security also participates in maintaining campus facilities. All security systems (cameras and duress/emergency call stations) are tested by the Security Services staff on at least a monthly basis and maintained by the Medical Center Engineering (MCE).

Educational Programs Related to Security Awareness and Prevention of Criminal Activity

The University seeks to enhance the security of its campus and the members of the campus community by periodically presenting educational programs to inform students, faculty and staff about campus security procedures and practices, to encourage responsible behavior to ensure their own security and the security of others and to inform them about the prevention of crimes. The University also provides a variety of educational programs on topics such as sexual assault awareness, domestic/relationship violence, and others similar crimes. All programs are offered to students, faculty

members, and staff. The University encourages all students and employees to be responsible for their own security and safety as well as the security and safety of others. A description of those programs and their frequency of presentation follows:

- Every new student is provided with an initial orientation on security and safety,
- All students are encouraged to watch the Run, Hide Video at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrfasXp3BHg>
- On a semi-annual basis Rush Security Services provides a topic at Student Senate sponsored meetings.

Disclosure of the Outcome of a Crime of Violence or Non-Forcible Sex Offense

Upon written request, the University will disclose to the alleged victim of a crime of violence (as that term is defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 16), or a non-forcible sex offense, the results of any disciplinary proceeding conducted by the University against a student who is the alleged perpetrator of such crime or offense. If the alleged victim is deceased as a result of such crime or offense, the next of kin of such victim shall be treated as the alleged victim for purposes of the paragraph.

The previous paragraph does not apply to victims of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking because under the Violence Against Women Act; both the accused and accuser in these cases are given the results without the need to make a written request.

Drug and Alcohol Policy:

The University is committed to creating and maintaining an environment that is free of drug and alcohol abuse in compliance with applicable laws. The University prohibits the possession, use, and sale of alcoholic beverages on campus or as any part of the University's activities, unless it is done so in accordance with applicable University policies, and it also enforces the state's underage drinking laws.

The University also enforces federal and state drug laws. The possession, sale, manufacture or distribution of illegal drugs is prohibited on campus or as any part of the University's activities. Violators of these policies or federal and/or state laws regarding illegal drugs will be subject to disciplinary action and possibly criminal prosecution.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program

The University has a drug and alcohol abuse and prevention program and conducts a biennial review of this program to evaluate its effectiveness. For more information, see below:

1. Drug and Alcohol Free Campus Policy:
https://www.rushu.rush.edu/sites/default/files/_Rush%20PDFs%20and%20Files/Student%20Services/drug-alcohol-policy-2022.pdf
2. Student Health and Safety resources:
<https://www.rushu.rush.edu/student-disclosure-information/health-and-safety>
3. Student Wellness Resources:
<https://www.rushu.rush.edu/student-life/student-affairs/university-wellness-services>
Students are eligible to receive free, confidential services, including for any substance use and abuse. Trained mental health professionals are available.
4. Employee Wellness Assistant Program and Employee Assistance Program:
<https://www.rushu.rush.edu/education-training/graduate-medical-education/house-staff-benefits-services/wellness>

Faculty members and employees are offered access to various resources, including substance abuse and prevention programs

Policy, Procedures and Programs Related to Various Sex-Related Offenses, including Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking

Consistent with the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the Clery Act, and the Violence Against Women Act (“VAWA”), the University prohibits discrimination based on sex in its educational programs and activities, including sexual harassment, and acts of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence (including sexual assault) and stalking. The University also prohibits any retaliation, intimidation, threats, coercion or any other discrimination against any individuals exercising their rights or responsibilities pursuant to these laws and institutional policy. The University’s Prohibition against Sexual Harassment in Rush Programs and Activities Policy is used to address complaints of this nature. This policy and the procedures for filing, investigating and resolving complaints for violations of this policy may be found at: <https://www.rushu.rush.edu/student-disclosure-information/health-and-safety/sexual-harassment-and-assault-prevention>

The following discusses the University’s educational programs to promote the awareness of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking; provides information concerning procedures students and employees should follow and the services available in the event they do become a victim of one of these offenses, and advises students and employees of the disciplinary procedures that will be followed after an allegation that one of these offenses has occurred.

Anti-Hazing Policy

The University strictly prohibits hazing activities and is committed to providing a safe campus environment to our students, faculty, and staff.

The term “hazing,” means any intentional, knowing, or reckless act committed by a person (whether individually or in concert with other persons) against another person or persons regardless of the willingness of such other person or persons to participate, that—

- (a) is committed in the course of an initiation into, an affiliation with, or the maintenance of membership in, a student organization; and
- (b) causes or creates a risk, above the reasonable risk encountered in the course of participation in the institution of higher education or the organization (such as the physical preparation necessary for participation in an athletic team), of physical or psychological injury, including, but not limited to:
 - (i) whipping, beating, striking, electronic shocking, placing of a harmful substance on someone’s body, or similar activity;
 - (ii) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing sleep deprivation, exposure to the elements, confinement in a small space, extreme calisthenics, or other similar activity;
 - (iii) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to consume food, liquid, alcohol, drugs, or other substances;
 - (iv) causing, coercing, or otherwise inducing another person to perform sexual acts;
 - (v) any activity that places another person in reasonable fear of bodily harm through the use of threatening words or conduct;
 - (vi) any activity against another person that includes a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law; and
 - (vii). any activity that induces, causes, or requires another person to perform a duty or task that involves a criminal violation of local, State, Tribal, or Federal law.

(2) The term “student organization” means an organization at an institution of higher education (such as a club, society, association, varsity or junior varsity athletic team, club sports team, fraternity, sorority, band, or student government) in which two or more of the members are students enrolled at the institution of higher education, whether or not the organization is established or recognized by the institution.

Any person should report hazing concerns to any Campus Security Authority or through the [Student Complaint Portal](#) or call (833) 625-3778. Reports of violations will be reviewed by the Office of Institutional Equity (OIE) in collaboration with the University as appropriate pursuant to OIE’s internal review process.

The University also publishes its Campus Hazing Transparency Report (“CHRT”) which is updated biannually, available here:

Rush is committed to providing training and programs related to hazing awareness and prevention. These initiatives may provide information related to applicable hazing policies, how to report suspected hazing incidents, the process used to investigate such incidents, information on applicable local, State, and Tribal laws on hazing, primary prevention strategies intended to stop hazing before hazing occurs, information about ethical leadership, and the promotion of strategies for building group cohesion instead of hazing.

Primary Prevention and Awareness Program

The University conducts a Primary Prevention and Awareness Program (PPAP) for all incoming students and new employees. This Program advises incoming students and employees that the University prohibits the offenses of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. This program and training is regularly available and provided to all students and employees on an annual basis. In that regard, they are informed of the following definitions that apply within the state of Illinois:

Crime Type (Illinois Compiled Statutes)	Definitions
Dating Violence	The institution has determined, based on good-faith research, that Illinois law does not define the term dating violence.
Domestic Violence (750 ILCS 60/103 & 720 ILCS 5/12)	1) “Abuse” means physical abuse, harassment, intimidation of a dependent, interference with personal liberty or willful deprivation but does not include reasonable direction of a minor child by a parent or person in loco parentis. 3) “Domestic violence” means abuse as defined in paragraph (1). • Additionally, Illinois law also defines the following crimes: ▪ Domestic Battery (720 ILCS 5/12-3.2(a)): A person commits domestic battery if he or she knowingly without legal justification: 1) Causes bodily harm to any family or household member; 2) Makes physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with any family or household member. ▪ Aggravated Domestic Battery (720 ILCS 5/12-3.3): (a) A person who, in committing a domestic battery, knowingly causes great bodily harm, or permanent disability or disfigurement commits aggravated domestic battery. (a-5) A person who, in committing a domestic battery, strangles another individual commits aggravated domestic battery. For the purposes of this subsection (a-5), “strangle” means intentionally impeding the normal breathing or circulation of the blood of an individual by applying pressure on the throat or neck of that individual or by blocking the nose or mouth of that individual. • For purposes of the above crimes, “family or household members” is defined at 750 ILCS 5/12-0.1 as: ▪ “Family or household members” include spouses, former spouses, parents, children, stepchildren, and other persons related by blood or by present or prior marriage, persons who share or formerly shared a common dwelling, persons who have or allegedly have a child in common, persons who share or allegedly share a blood relationship through a child, persons who have or have had a dating or engagement relationship, persons with

Crime Type (Illinois Compiled Statutes)	Definitions
	disabilities and their personal assistants, and caregivers as defined in Section 12-4.4a of this Code. For purposes of this Article, neither a casual acquaintanceship nor ordinary fraternization between 2 individuals in business or social contexts shall be deemed to constitute a dating relationship.
Stalking (720 ILCS 5/12-7.3)	(a) A person commits stalking when he or she knowingly engages in a course of conduct directed at a specific person, and he or she knows or should know that this course of conduct would cause a reasonable person to: 1) fear for his or her safety or the safety of a third person; or 2) suffer other emotional distress. (a-3) A person commits stalking when he or she, knowingly and without lawful justification, on at least 2 separate occasions follows another person or places the person under surveillance or any combination thereof and: 1) at any time transmits a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement or restraint and the threat is directed towards that person or a family member of that person; or 2) places that person in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement or restraint to or of that person or a family member of that person. (a-5) A person commits stalking when he or she has previously been convicted of stalking another person and knowingly and without lawful justification on one occasion: 1) follows that same person or places that same person under surveillance; and 2) transmits a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement or restraint to that person or a family member of that person. • Additionally, Illinois law also defines the following crimes: ▪ Aggravated Stalking (720 ILCS 5/12-7.4): (a) A person commits aggravated stalking when he or she commits stalking and: 1) causes bodily harm to the victim; 2) confines or restrains the victim; or 3) violates a temporary restraining order, an order of protection, a stalking no contact order, a civil no contact order, or an injunction prohibiting the behavior described in subsection (b)(1) of Section 214 of the Illinois Domestic Violence Act of 1986. (a-1) A person commits aggravated stalking when he or she is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act or has been previously required to register under the Act and commits the offense of stalking when the victim of the stalking is also the victim of the offense for which the sex offender is required to register under the Sex Offender Registration Act or a family member of the victim. ▪ Cyberstalking (720 ILCS 5/12-7.5): (a) A person commits cyberstalking when he or she engages in a course of conduct using electronic communication directed at a specific person, and he or she knows or should know that would cause a reasonable person to: 1) fear for his or her safety or the safety of a third person; or 2) suffer other emotional distress. (a-3) A person commits cyberstalking when he or she, knowingly and without lawful justification, on at least 2 separate occasions, harasses another person through the use of electronic communication and: 1) at any time transmits a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint and the threat is directed towards that person or a family member of that person; or

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	2) places that person or a family member of that person in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint; or 3) at any time knowingly solicits the commission of an act by any person which would be a violation of this Code directed towards that person or a family member of that person. (a-4) A person commits cyberstalking when he or she knowingly, surreptitiously, and without lawful justification, installs or otherwise places electronic monitor software or spyware on an electronic communication device as a means to harass another person and: 1) at any time transmits a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint and the threat is directed towards that person or a family member of that person; 2) places that person or a family member of that person in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint, or 3) at any time knowingly solicits the commission of an act by any person which would be a violation of this Code directed towards that person or a family member of that person. (a-5) A person commits cyberstalking when he or she, knowingly and without lawful justification, creates and maintains an Internet website or webpage which is accessible to one or more third parties for a period of at least 24 hours, and which contains statements harassing another person and: 1) which communicates a threat of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint, where the threat is directed towards that person or a family member of that person, or 2) which places that person or a family member of that person in reasonable apprehension of immediate or future bodily harm, sexual assault, confinement, or restraint, or 3) which knowingly solicits the commission of an act by any person which would be a violation of this Code directed towards that person or a family member of that person.
Sexual Assault (720 ILCS 5/11-1.20(a))	A person commits criminal sexual assault if that person commits an act of sexual penetration and: 1) uses force or threat of force; 2) knows that the victim is unable to understand the nature of the act or is unable to give knowing consent; 3) is a family member of the victim, and the victim is under 18 years of age; 4) is 17 years of age or over and holds a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the victim, and the victim is at least 13 years of age but under 18 years of age. • Additionally, Illinois law also defines the following crimes: ▪ Aggravated Criminal Sexual Assault (720 ILCS 5/11-1.30): a) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual assault if that person commits criminal sexual assault and any of the following aggravating circumstances exist during the commission of the offense or, for purposes of paragraph (7), occur as part of the same course of conduct as the commission of the offense: 1) the person displays, threatens to use, or uses a dangerous weapon, other than a firearm, or any other object fashioned or used in a manner that leads the victim, under the circumstances, reasonably to believe that the object is a dangerous weapon;

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	2) the person causes bodily harm to the victim, except as provided in paragraph (10); 3) the person acts in a manner that threatens or endangers the life of the victim or any other person; 4) the person commits the criminal sexual assault during the course of committing or attempting to commit any other felony; 5) the victim is 60 years of age or older; 6) the victim is a person with a physical disability; 7) the person delivers (by injection, inhalation, ingestion, transfer of possession, or any other means) any controlled substance to the victim without the victim's consent or by threat or deception for other than medical purposes; 8) the person is armed with a firearm; 9) the person personally discharges a firearm during the commission of the offense; or 10) the person personally discharges a firearm during the commission of the offense, and that discharge proximately causes great bodily harm, permanent disability, permanent disfigurement, or death to another person. b) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual assault if that person is under 17 years of age and: (i) commits an act of sexual penetration with a victim who is under 9 years of age; or (ii) commits an act of sexual penetration with a victim who is at least 9 years of age but under 13 years of age and the person uses force or threat of force to commit the act. c) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual assault if that person commits an act of sexual penetration with a victim who is a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability. ▪ Predatory Criminal Sexual Assault of a Child (720 ILCS 5/11-1.40(a)): A person commits predatory criminal sexual assault of a child if that person is 17 years of age or older, and commits an act of contact, however slight, between the sex organ or anus of one person and the part of the body of another for the purpose of sexual gratification or arousal of the victim or the accused, or an act of sexual penetration, and: 1) the victim is under 13 years of age; or 2) the victim is under 13 years of age and that person: A) is armed with a firearm; B) personally discharges a firearm during the commission of the offense; C) causes great bodily harm to the victim that: i) results in permanent disability; or ii) is life threatening; or D) delivers (by injection, inhalation, ingestion, transfer of possession, or any other means) any controlled substance to the victim without the victim's consent or by threat or deception, for other than medical purposes.
Rape, Fondling, Incest, Statutory Rape	For purposes of the Clery Act, the term “sexual assault” includes the offenses of rape, fondling, incest, and statutory rape. The institution has determined, based on good-faith research, that Illinois law does not define these terms.
Other Crimes that could be considered to be Sexual Assault	Other crimes under Illinois law that may be classified as a “sexual assault” include the following: • Criminal Sexual Abuse (720 ILCS 5/11-1.50): a) A person commits criminal sexual abuse if that person: 1) commits an act of sexual conduct by the use of force or threat of force; or 2) commits an act of sexual conduct and knows that the victim is unable to understand the nature of the act or is unable to give knowing consent.

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	b) A person commits criminal sexual abuse if that person is under 17 years of age and commits an act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 9 years of age but under 17 years of age. c) A person commits criminal sexual abuse if that person commits an act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 13 years of age but under 17 years of age and the person is less than 5 years older than the victim. • Aggravated Criminal Sexual Abuse (720 ILCS 5/11-1.60): a) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if that person commits criminal sexual abuse and any of the following aggravating circumstances exist (i) during the commission of the offense or (ii) for purposes of paragraph (7), as part of the same course of conduct as the commission of the offense: 1) the person displays, threatens to use, or uses a dangerous weapon or any other object fashioned or used in a manner that leads the victim, under the circumstances, reasonably to believe that the object is a dangerous weapon; 2) the person causes bodily harm to the victim; 3) the victim is 60 years of age or older; 4) the victim is a person with a physical disability; 5) the person acts in a manner that threatens or endangers the life of the victim or any other person; 6) the person commits the criminal sexual abuse during the course of committing or attempting to commit any other felony; or 7) the person delivers (by injection, inhalation, ingestion, transfer of possession, or any other means) any controlled substance to the victim for other than medical purposes without the victim's consent or by threat or deception. b) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if that person commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is under 18 years of age and the person is a family member. c) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if: 1) that person is 17 years of age or over and: (i) commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is under 13 years of age; or (ii) commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 13 years of age but under 17 years of age and the person uses force or threat of force to commit the act; or 2) that person is under 17 years of age and: (i) commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is under 9 years of age; or (ii) commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 9 years of age but under 17 years of age and the person uses force or threat of force to commit the act. d) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if that person commits an act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 13 years of age but under 17 years of age and the person is at least 5 years older than the victim. e) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if that person commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is a person with a severe or profound intellectual disability. f) A person commits aggravated criminal sexual abuse if that person commits an act of sexual conduct with a victim who is at least 13 years of age but under 18 years of age and the person is 17 years of age or over and holds a position of trust, authority, or supervision in relation to the victim. • Sexual Relations Within Families (720 ILCS 5/11-11(a)): A person commits sexual relations within families if he or she: 1) Commits an act of sexual penetration as defined in Section 11-0.1 of this Code; and 2) The person knows that he or she is related to the other person as follows: (i) Brother or sister, either of the whole blood or the half-blood; or (ii) Father or mother, when the child, regardless of legitimacy and regardless of whether the child was of the whole blood or half-blood or was adopted, was 18 years of age or over when the act was committed; or

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	(iii) Stepfather or stepmother, when the stepchild was 18 years of age or over when the act was committed; or (iv) Aunt or uncle, when the niece or nephew was 18 years of age or over when the act was committed; or (v) Great-aunt or great-uncle, when the grand-niece or grand-nephew was 18 years of age or over when the act was committed; or (vi) Grandparent or step-grandparent, when the grandchild or step-grandchild was 18 years of age or over when the act was committed.
Consent (as it relates to sexual activity) (720 ILCS 5/11-1.70)	a) ... "Consent" means a freely given agreement to the act of sexual penetration or sexual conduct in question. Lack of verbal or physical resistance or submission by the victim resulting from the use of force or threat of force by the accused shall not constitute consent. The manner of dress of the victim at the time of the offense shall not constitute consent. ... c) A person who initially consents to sexual penetration or sexual conduct is not deemed to have consented to any sexual penetration or sexual conduct that occurs after he or she withdraws consent during the course of that sexual penetration or sexual conduct.

In addition to the definition of consent under Illinois law, the University also uses the definition of consent listed below in its Prohibition against Sexual Harassment in Rush Programs and Activities Policy for the purpose of determining whether sexual violence (including sexual assault) has occurred.

- Consent is an understandable exchange of affirmative actions or words which indicate an active, knowing and voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed upon sexual activity. Consent requires an affirmative act or statement by each participant; it is not passive. When evaluating consent, Rush will consider the objective indications of consent from a reasonable person's perspective.
 - If coercion, intimidation, threats, and/or physical force are used, there is no consent.
 - If a person is mentally or physically incapacitated or impaired by alcohol or drugs such that the person cannot understand the fact, nature, or extent of the sexual situation, there is no consent.
 - If a person is asleep or unconscious, there is no consent.
 - If a person is below the minimum age of consent in the applicable jurisdiction, there is no consent.
 - Consent to one form of sexual activity does not imply consent to other forms of sexual activity.
 - Being in a romantic relationship with someone does not alone imply consent to any form of sexual activity.
 - Consent can be withdrawn. A person who initially consents to sexual activity and later withdraws that consent is deemed not to have consented to any sexual activity that occurs after he or she withdraws consent.
 - Consent cannot be inferred from a person's manner of dress.
 - Silence or an absence of resistance does not imply consent, and consent to engage in sexual activity with one person does not imply consent to engage in sexual activity with another.
 - Consent to past sexual activity does not constitute consent to future sexual activity.
 - Even in the context of an ongoing relationship, consent must be sought and freely given for each specific sexual act. Consent may be withdrawn at any time. When consent is withdrawn, sexual activity must immediately stop.

The Primary Prevention and Awareness Program (PPAP) includes instruction on how to avoid becoming a victim and the warning signs of abusive behavior, the recognition of which will help mitigate the likelihood of perpetration, victimization or bystander inaction. Specifically, students, faculty and staff are advised:

- *If you find yourself in an uncomfortable sexual situation, these suggestions may help you reduce your risk:*
 - *Make your limits known before going too far.*
 - *You can withdraw consent to sexual activity at any time. Do not be afraid to tell a sexual aggressor “NO” clearly and loudly.*
 - *Try to remove yourself from the physical presence of a sexual aggressor. Be direct as possible about wanting to leave the environment.*
 - *Grab someone nearby and ask them for help.*
 - *Be responsible about your alcohol and/or drug use. Alcohol and drugs can lower your sexual inhibitions and may make you vulnerable to someone who views an intoxicated/high person as a sexual opportunity.*
 - *Attend large parties with friends you trust. Watch out for your friends and ask that they watch out for you.*
 - *Be aware of someone trying to slip you an incapacitating “rape drug” like Rohypnol or GHB.*
- *If you find yourself in the position of being the initiator of sexual behavior, these suggestions may help you to reduce your risk of being accused of sexual assault or another sexual crime:*
 - *Remember that you owe sexual respect to the other person.*
 - *Don’t make assumptions about the other person’s consent or about how far they are willing to go.*
 - *Remember that consent to one form of sexual activity does not necessarily imply consent to another form of sexual behavior.*
 - *If your partner expresses a withdrawal of consent, stop immediately.*
 - *Clearly communicate your sexual intentions so that the other person has a chance to clearly tell you their intentions.*
 - *Consider “mixed messages” a clear sign that the other person is uncomfortable with the situation and may not be ready to progress sexually.*
 - *Don’t take advantage of someone who is “really drunk” or on drugs, even if they knowingly and intentionally put themselves in that state. Further, don’t be afraid to step in if you see someone else trying to take advantage of a nearly incapacitated person.*
 - *Be aware of the signs of incapacitation, such as slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, vomiting, unusual behavior, passing out, staggering, etc.*
- *It is also important to be aware of the warning signs of an abusive person. Some examples include: past abuse; threats of violence or abuse; breaking objects; using force during an argument; jealousy; controlling behavior; quick involvement; unrealistic expectations; isolation; blames others for problems; hypersensitivity; cruelty to animals or children; “playful” use of force during sex; Jekyll-and-Hyde personality.*

PPAP instruction also includes encouraging individuals to take safe and positive steps to prevent harm or intervene when there is a risk of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking against another person. This includes reporting such incidents to appropriate authorities. Other steps that can be taken include and are advised include:

- *Look out for those around you.*
- *Realize that it is important to intervene to help others.*
- *Treat everyone respectfully. Do not be hostile or antagonist.*
- *Be confident when intervening.*
- *Recruit help from others if necessary.*
- *Be honest and direct.*
- *Keep yourself safe.*
- *If things get out of hand, don't hesitate to contact the police or the Security Services Department.*

The PPAP also provides information on possible sanctions and protective measures that may be imposed following a determination that an offense of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault, or stalking has occurred, an explanation of the disciplinary procedures that will be followed when one of these offenses is alleged, the rights of the parties in such a proceeding, available resources, and other pertinent information. Much of this information is set forth in the upcoming sections of this security report.

Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Program:

The University also conducts an Ongoing Prevention and Awareness Campaign (OPAC) aimed at all students and employees. This campaign covers the same material as provided in the PPAP but is intended to increase the understanding of students and employees on these topics and to improve their skills for addressing the offenses of dating violence, domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

PPAP and OPAC Programming Methods:

The PPAP and OPAC are carried out in a variety of ways, using a range of strategies, and, as appropriate, targeting specific audiences throughout the University. Methods include, but are not limited to online presentations, distribution of written materials, periodic email blasts, and guest speakers. Past programming and currently planned programming include, but is not limited to, the following:

- Online modules on sexual violence awareness and prevention
- Interactive and interprofessional workshops on sexual assault and alcohol education
- Self-defense workshops

Procedures for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, or Stalking:

The University encourages reporting of sexual misconduct. Members of the Rush Community who believe they have experienced or observed sexual misconduct may report the incident to the University or law enforcement. The University staff identified below are trained to work with individuals who report or are accused of sexual misconduct and have knowledge about on and off campus resources available and options.

- Victims of a sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking, are advised to go to a safe place and call 911 or the Security Services Department at 2-5678 if inside the Medical Center or 312-942-5678 if off campus. At the earliest opportunity, victims should also contact the University's Title IX Coordinator Catherine Howlett, 312-563-1489. Anonymous incident reports can also be made by calling the Rush Hotline, 877-RUSH-009 (877-787-4009) or by using the web tool at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com>. Individuals may submit anonymous reports, but the ability of the University to address alleged misconduct reported by anonymous resources may be significantly limited.
- Victims will be notified in writing of the procedures to follow, including:
 1. To whom and how the alleged offense should be reported.
 - Referrals to the Title IX Coordinator and/or other resources listed in this report.
 2. The importance of preserving evidence that may be necessary to prove the offense in a criminal proceeding or disciplinary action or to obtain a protective order. To that end, the following is advised for victims:
 - Do not remove clothing items worn during or following an assault, as they frequently contain valuable fiber, hair, and fluid evidence.
 - Don't bathe or wash, or otherwise clean the environment in which the assault occurred.
 - Obtain a forensic examination at Rush University Medical Center Emergency Department.
 - Completing a forensic examination does not require victims to file a police report but having a forensic examination will help preserve evidence in case a police report is filed at a later time/date.
 - Evidence in electronic formats should also be retained (e.g., text messages, emails, photos, social media posts, screenshots, etc.).
 - Victims of stalking should also preserve evidence of the crime to the extent possible.
 3. The victim's options regarding notification to law enforcement, which are: (a) the option to notify either on-campus or local police; (b) the option to be assisted by campus security authorities in notifying law enforcement if the victim so chooses (the institution is obligated to comply with such a request if it is made); and (c) the option to decline to notify such authorities.
 - Security Services Department: 2-5678 if inside the Medical Center or 312-942-5678 if off campus
 - Chicago Police Department: 1412 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago, IL 60608, 312-746-8396 (for emergency dial 911)
 - To make a police report, a victim should contact the local police agency listed above either by phone or in-person. The victim should provide as much information as possible, including name, address, and when and what occurred, to the best of the victim's ability.
 4. Where applicable, the rights of victims and the institution's responsibilities regarding orders of protection, no-contact orders, restraining orders, or similar lawful orders issued by a criminal, civil, or tribal court.
 - In Illinois, there are three different kinds of protective orders available to victims: a Domestic Violence Order of Protection, a Sexual Assault Civil No Contact Order, and a Stalking No Contact Order. Information about these orders may be found on the Illinois Attorney General's website at: <https://illinoisattorneygeneral.gov>

- A Domestic Violence Order of Protection is governed by the Illinois Domestic Violence Act and is appropriate for victims needing a restraining order against a person with whom the victim has or had an intimate or familial relationship. Illinois law also provides protection in the form of Sexual Assault Civil No Contact Order and Stalking No Contact Orders. A Sexual Assault Civil No Contact Order may be granted for any person who is a victim of nonconsensual sexual conduct. A Stalking No Contact Order provides protection for any victim of a course of conduct that causes the victim to fear for his or her safety or the safety of another person, or to suffer emotional distress. Stalking No Contact Orders provide relief when such relief is not available to the victim through the Illinois Domestic Violence Act or through a Sexual Assault Civil No Contact Order.
- A protective order may be obtained by filing a petition with the court for an order of protection. To obtain an order of protection, victims may go to their local circuit court clerk's office and get papers to seek an order of protection. A victim should be prepared to present evidence when filing for a protective order. The judge will then review the petition and enter a protective order, if the judge determines there is enough evidence to support the issuance of the order. If an arrest was made and a criminal prosecution is pursued, a victim may also obtain a protective order in conjunction with that criminal proceeding.
 - An order of protection should be filed in the local circuit court. When filing the petition in downtown Chicago, you should file it at the Circuit Court of Cook County in the centralized Domestic Violence Division courthouse, located at: 555 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL 60607. The phone number is: 312-325-9000. More information about filing protection orders in Cook County can be found at:
 - <https://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/sites/g/files/ywwepo221/files/document/file/2025-02/Protective%20Orders.pdf>
 - Victims may choose to use an online program that assists in understanding how to fill out paperwork needed for an order of protection and print it out at home. Once completed, victims should take the paperwork to the Clerk's Office at the appropriate courthouse. The online program is located at:
 - <https://turbocourt.com/go.jsp?act=actShowAppInfo&appcode=elf-chicago-dv&courtcode=Cook>.
 - There are no programs to assist with Stalking No Contact Orders or Civil No Contact Orders, but victims can still access the needed paperwork online and fill it out before bringing it to the courthouse. The paperwork is located at:
 - <http://www.cookcountyclerkofcourt.org/?section=FormsPage>.
- The Illinois Attorney General's Office suggests that victims contact a local domestic violence program to ask for assistance in completing the forms necessary to obtain an order of protection.
 - Local domestic violence programs may provide assistance. The Domestic Violence Legal Clinic is in the same building as the Domestic Violence Courthouse at: 555 W. Harrison, Suite 1900, Chicago, IL 60607. The phone number is: (312) 325-9155. The 24/7 crisis hotline phone number is: 1 (877) 863-6338.
- Courts may issue three types of protective orders: emergency, interim, and plenary orders. Emergency orders may last for 14 to 21 days, and interim orders up to 30. While these orders are temporary, plenary orders may be for longer lengths of time (up to 2 years). The judge can grant a variety of remedies and protections, which range from prohibiting further contact, protecting property and pets, ordering the offender to transfer to another school, or other injunctive relief that is necessary to protect the victim. Violating a Domestic Violence Order of Protection, a Sexual Assault Civil No Contact Order, or a Stalking No Contact Order is a Class A misdemeanor. A second violation can be a felony.

- The University will enforce any protective order, restraining order or other no contact order against the alleged perpetrator from a criminal, civil, or tribal court. Any student or employee who has a protective order or no contact order should notify the University's Title IX Coordinator and provide a copy of the order so that it may be kept on file and can be enforced on campus, if necessary. Upon learning of any orders, the University will take all reasonable and legal action to implement the order.
- The University does not issue legal protective orders. However, as a matter of institutional policy, the University may impose a no-contact order between individuals in appropriate circumstances. The University may also issue a "no trespass warning" if information available leads to a reasonable conclusion that an individual is likely to cause harm to any member of the campus community. A person found to be in violation of a No Trespass Warning may be arrested and criminally charged.

Available Victim Services:

Victims will be provided written notification about existing counseling, health, mental health, victim advocacy, legal assistance, visa and immigration assistance, student financial aid, and other services available to them, both within the University and in the surrounding community. Those services include:

University Resources

- Security Services Department: 2-5678 if inside the Medical Center or 312-942-5678 if off campus
- Title IX Coordinator: Catherine Howlett, 312-563-1489
- Rush Wellness Assistance Program Paging System: 312-942-6000, ext, 2323
<https://www.rushu.rush.edu/rush-experience/student-services/university-wellness-services>
- Offices of the Registrar and Student Financial Aid – Sometimes a victim of a crime may feel the need to take a leave of absence (LOA) from school. Official LOAs should be filed with the Office of the Registrar with the appropriate approvals from the student's respective college/academic program. If a student is considering taking a LOA based on the circumstances of a complaint, there may be financial aid implications in taking such leave. Students should consult with a representative from the Office of Financial Aid. The Title IX Coordinator can assist in facilitating this conversation if desired. The University's Registrar and Financial Aid websites can be found at:

[Office of the Registrar | Student Affairs | RUSH University](#)

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State/Local Resources

- Chicago Police Department: 1412 S. Blue Island Ave., Chicago, IL 60608, telephone 312-746-8396 (for emergency dial 911)
- Rush University Medical Center Emergency Department, 1620 W. Harrison, Chicago, IL, telephone 312-947-0100
- UIC Medical Center Emergency Room, 1740 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, IL, telephone 312-996-7298
- YMCA Rape Crisis Hotline, telephone 888-293-2080 (24 hours)
- Resilience, 180 N Michigan Ave #600, Chicago, IL 60601, telephone 312/443-9603

- Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault: <http://www.icasa.org/> , telephone 217-753-4117
- Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence: <http://www.ilcadv.org/> , telephone 877-863-6338
- Free or low-cost legal aid organizations:
 - Illinois Legal Aid: <http://www.illinoislegalaid.org/>
 - Chicago Volunteer Legal Services: <http://www.cvls.org/>
 - Legal Assistance Foundation: <https://www.lafchicago.org/>

National Resources

- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233
- National Sexual Assault Hotline: 1-800-656-4673
- Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN): <https://www.rainn.org/>
- US Dept. of Justice Office on Violence Against Women: <https://www.justice.gov/ovw>
- National Coalition Against Domestic Violence: <http://www.ncadv.org/>
- National Sexual Violence Resource Center: <http://www.nsvrc.org/>
- U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services: <https://www.uscis.gov/>
- Immigration Advocates Network: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/>

Accommodation and Protective Measures:

- The University will provide written notification to victims about options for and available assistance in, changing academic, living, transportation, and working situations or protective measures. If victims request these accommodations or protective measures and they are reasonably available, the University is obligated to provide them, regardless of whether the victim chooses to report the crime to campus security or local law enforcement. Requests of this nature should be made to the Title IX Coordinator, Catherine Howlett, 312-563-1489, and the Title IX Coordinator is responsible for deciding what, if any, accommodations or protective measures will be implemented. When determining the reasonableness of such a request, the Title IX Coordinator may consider, among other factors, the following:
 - The specific need expressed by the complainant.
 - The age of the students involved.
 - The severity or pervasiveness of the allegations
 - Any continuing effects on the complainant
 - Whether the complainant and alleged perpetrator share the same class schedule, transportation or job location.
 - Whether other judicial measures have been taken to protect the complainant (e.g., civil protective orders).

The University will maintain as confidential any accommodations or protective measures provided to a victim to the extent that maintaining confidentiality would not impair the University's ability to provide them. However, there may be times when certain information must be disclosed to a third party in order to implement the accommodation or protective measure. Such decisions will be made by the Title IX Coordinator in light of the surrounding circumstances, and disclosures of this nature will be limited so that only the information necessary to implement the accommodation or protective measures is provided. In the event it is necessary to disclose information about a victim in order to provide accommodation or protective order, the University will inform the victim of that necessity prior to the disclosure, including what information will be shared, with whom it will be shared, and why.

Procedures for Disciplinary Action:

Allegations of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking will be evaluated through the University's Prohibition against Sexual Harassment in Rush Programs and Activities Policy and the related complaint resolution procedures. The Title IX Coordinator conducts an initial assessment and decides whether there is sufficient information about a potential violation of the policy for the case to go forward. An electronic and confidential form available at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/38992/index.html> can also be used to file a report.

Depending on the initial assessment/inquiry, an investigator may be assigned who will conduct a full investigation. The Title IX Coordinator and/or designee will analyze the complaint and notify the respondent that a complaint has been filed.

During the investigation, the complainant and respondent will each have an equal opportunity to describe the incident and present witnesses and other supporting evidence, as well as to present questions for the opposing party and/or witnesses to the investigator. The investigator(s) will review the statements and evidence presented and may, depending on the circumstances, interview others with relevant knowledge, review documentary materials, and take any other appropriate action to gather and consider information relevant to the complaint. Once the investigation is complete, a determination whether a policy violation occurred will be reached, using a preponderance of the evidence standard. If the policy was violated, the report will be referred to Sanctioning Official(s) to determine what corrective action should be imposed.

Both parties have an equal opportunity to appeal the determination reached by filing a written appeal.

Rights of the Parties in an Institutional Proceeding:

During the process described in the previous section, both the complainant and respondent are entitled to:

1. A prompt, fair and impartial process from the initial investigation to the final result.
 - A prompt, fair and impartial process is one that is:
 - Completed within reasonably prompt timeframes designated by the institution's policy, including a process that allows for the extension of timeframes for good cause, with written notice to the complainant and the respondent of the delay and the reason for the delay.
 - Conducted in a matter that:
 - Is consistent with the institution's policies and transparent to the complainant and respondent.
 - Includes timely notice of meetings at which the complainant or respondent, or both, may be present; and
 - Provides timely access to the complainant, respondent and appropriate officials to any information that will be used during the informal and formal disciplinary meetings and hearings.

- Conducted by officials who do not have a conflict of interest or bias for or against the complainant or the respondent.
- 2. Proceedings conducted by officials who, at a minimum, receive annual training on the issues related to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking and on how to conduct an investigation and hearing process that protects the safety of victims and promotes accountability.
 - Such training also addresses topics such as relevant evidence and how it should be used during a proceeding, proper techniques for questioning witnesses, basic procedural rules for conducting a proceeding, and avoiding actual and perceived conflicts of interest. The training addresses the following: The University's policies and procedures; respecting the rights of complainants, respondents, and witnesses; consent, credibility, and weighing evidence; resolution, report-writing, and corrective actions.
- 3. The same opportunities to have others present during any institutional disciplinary proceeding, including the opportunity to be accompanied to any related meeting or proceeding by the advisor of their choice. The institution may not limit the choice of advisor, and the institution will provide an advisor to either party at no cost to that party.
- 4. Have the outcome determined using a preponderance-of-the-evidence standard based on the totality of the evidence presented.

Simultaneous, written notification of the results of the proceeding, any procedures for either party to appeal the result, any change to the result, and when the result becomes final. For this purpose, "result" means "any initial, interim and final decision by an official or entity authorized to resolve disciplinary matters" and must include the rationale for reaching the result and any sanctions imposed.
Possible Sanctions or Protective Measures that University May Impose for Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault or Stalking Offenses:

Following a final determination in the institution's disciplinary proceeding that domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking has been committed, the institution may impose a sanction depending on the mitigating and aggravating circumstances involved. Sanctions may include, at a minimum, a verbal warning, and at a maximum, termination or expulsion from Rush. The goal of a sanction is to proportionately balance the interests of reducing recurrence, ensuring safety, imposing punitive measures, and advancing educational and developmental growth of an offender, where that may be possible. In addition to the nature of the policy violation in question, sanctioning officials may take into consideration aggravating and mitigating factors when arriving at a sanctioning decision.

Possible Sanctions can include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning
- Written warning
- Disciplinary hold on academic and/or financial records
- Performance improvement/management process
- Required counseling
- Required training or education
- Campus access restrictions
- No trespass order (with respect to campus locations)

- No contact directive (with respect to an individual)
- Loss of privileges
- Loss of oversight, teaching or supervisory responsibility
- Probation
- Demotion
- Loss of pay increase
- Transfer (employment)
- Revocation of offer (employment or admissions)
- Disciplinary suspension
- Suspension with pay
- Suspension without pay
- Expulsion
- Degree revocation
- Termination of employment
- Revocation of tenure
- Termination of contract (for contractors)

In addition, the University can make available to the victim a range of protective measures. They include appropriate no-contact orders, security escorts, modifications to academic requirements or class schedules, changes in working situations, voluntary leaves of absence, etc.

Publicly Available Recordkeeping:

The University will complete any publicly available recordkeeping, including Clery Act reporting and disclosures, without the inclusion of personally identifiable information about victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who make reports of such to the University to the extent permitted by law. The University will maintain a daily crime log that records the nature, date, time and general location of each crime within its Clery geography and reported to the Security Services Department, as well as the disposition, if known. Entries will be made within two business days, unless the disclosure is prohibited by law or would jeopardize the confidentiality of the victim.

Victims to Receive Written Notification of Rights:

When a student, employee, or faculty member reports to the University that he or she has been a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, whether the offense occurred on or off campus, the University will provide the student or employee a written explanation of his or her rights and options as described in the paragraphs above.

Sex Offender Registration Program:

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act of 2000 requires institutions of higher education to advise members of the campus community where they can obtain information provided by the state concerning registered sex offenders. It also requires sex offenders to notify the state of each institution of higher education in the state at which they are employed or enrolled or carrying on a vocation. The state is then required to notify the University of any such information it receives. Anyone interested in determining whether such persons are on this campus may do so by contacting Peter C. Arndt, Executive Director of Security at 312-947-0001. State registry of sex offender information may be accessed at the following link: <https://isp.illinois.gov/Sor>

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures:

The University has an emergency management plan designed to ensure there is a timely and effective response in the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation occurring on campus involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of members of the campus community. Such situations include, but are not limited to: tornadoes, bomb threats, chemical spills, disease outbreaks, fires, active shooters, etc. The University has communicated with local police requesting their cooperation in informing the University about situations reported to them that may warrant an emergency response.

Students, faculty, staff and visitors are encouraged to notify the Security Services Department of any situation that poses such a threat. Dial 2-5678 if inside the Medical Center or 312-942-5678 if off campus.

The Senior Security Supervisor will initially access available sources of information from campus administrative staff and local authorities to confirm the existence of the danger and will be responsible for initiating the institution's response and for marshaling the appropriate local emergency response authorities for assistance. Depending on the nature of the emergency, other University departments may be involved in the confirmation process.

Once the emergency is confirmed and based on its nature, the University Administrator on Call will be identified and consult with other appropriate University officials to determine the appropriate segment or segments of the University community to be notified.

The University is committed to ensuring the campus community receives timely, accurate, and useful information in the event of a significant emergency or dangerous situation on campus and the issuing of emergency notifications. The University Incident Commander in collaboration with other appropriate personnel, will determine who should be notified, and will, without delay, and taking into account the safety of the community, determine the content of the notification and initiate the notification system, unless issuing a notification will, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, compromise efforts to assist a victim or to contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency. As soon as the condition that may compromise efforts is no longer present, the University will issue emergency notification to the campus community or applicable segment of the community as appropriate.

Depending on the segments of the campus the notification will target, the content of the notification may differ based upon the particular circumstances of the emergency. When appropriate, the content of the notification will be determined in consultation with local authorities. Also, as appropriate, the notification will give guidance as to whether its recipients should shelter in place or evacuate their location. As the emergency situation escalates or is resolved, the University will send additional emergency notifications as appropriate to update the appropriate segment of the campus community.

The University Incident Commander will direct the issuance of emergency notifications, which will be accomplished using one or more of the following means, depending on the nature of the threat and the segment of the campus community being threatened:

Method	Sign-Up Instructions
RU-Alert	https://mobileweb.rush.edu/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2cure%2foptin Update My Rush Profile - Rush ESC
Email	Yes – Rush University Distribution List
Overhead Page	N/A

At the direction of the University Incident Commander, the University's Security Supervisor will notify local law enforcement of the emergency if they are not already aware of it and local media outlets in order that the larger community outside the campus will be aware of the emergency.

The University tests its emergency response and evacuation procedures at least once a year. The tests may be announced or unannounced. Also, at various times the emergency management team will meet to train and test and evaluate the University's emergency response plan.

RUMC Services maintains a record of these tests and training exercises, including a description of them, the dates and times they were held and an indication of whether they were announced or unannounced. In connection with at least one such test, the University will distribute to its students and employee's information to remind them of the University's emergency response and evacuation procedures.

Crime Statistics

The following contains the crime statistics for the university and/or university owned or controlled facilities and non-campus study housing¹ for the above-mentioned crimes for the past three (3) years.

		On Campus			Non-Campus			Public Property		
CRIMINAL	CATEGORY	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025	2023	2024	2025
Murder/Non-Negligent Manslaughter**	Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manslaughter by Negligence	Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	Criminal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
Fondling	Criminal	2	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	0
Incest	Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	Criminal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	Criminal	1	1	1	0	0	0	9	4	4
Aggravated Assault	Criminal	4	16	10	0	0	0	4	8	5
Burglary	Criminal	2	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0
Motor Vehicle Theft	Criminal	19	3	2	0	0	1	22	28	27
Arson	Criminal	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hate Crime	Criminal	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Domestic Violence	VAWA	12	16	14	0	0	1	7	4	8
Dating Violence	VAWA	3	0	1	0	0	0	4	1	1
Stalking	VAWA	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Arrest - Weapon Violation	Arrest	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	1
Arrest - Drug Abuse Violation	Arrest	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	1	3
Arrest Liquor Law Violation	Arrest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referral - Weapons Violation	Disciplinary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referral - Drug Abuse Violation	Disciplinary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disciplinary Referral - Liquor Law Violation	Disciplinary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hazing	Hazing Offenses	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0	N/A	N/A	0
		2023			2024			2025		
Total Unfounded Crimes	Unfounded	1			4			1		

¹ The University does not have housing facilities

Unfounded crimes:

2025: There was 1 crime “unfounded” for motor vehicle theft by commissioned law enforcement officers after a full investigation. This crime was withheld from the crime statistics disclosure.

2024: There were 4 crimes “unfounded”; including those for: aggravated battery (2), dating violence (1), and kidnapping (1) by commissioned law enforcement officers after a full investigation. These crimes were withheld from the crime statistics disclosure.

2023: There was 1 crime “unfounded” for motor vehicle theft by a commissioned law enforcement officer after a full investigation. This crime was withheld from the crime statistics disclosure.

Any questions can be directed to Peter C. Arndt – Executive Director of Security
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